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The Queen at Bristol.

Unless the recent elections have left them dissatisfied in all feeling in such matters, the anti-imperialists and peace-at-any-price people have had with no little disapproval the recent visit of Queen Victoria to Bristol on Wednesday. The occasion was the opening of the Jubilee Convalescent Home, but the ceremonies took on a martial aspect, and great enthusiasm manifested. Seven thousand troops were present, and the guard of honor had been chosen from a regiment one battalion of which recently distinguished itself in the fighting in South Africa. The officer in command was Col. Knox. The account says that Gen. Sir William Butler should have been in charge of the troops, but he is extremely unpopular on account of his pro-war sympathies, and it was thought advisable that he should not appear on such an occasion.

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It may be said in defense of the queen that her venerable mother as she is, peace-lover as she is, she is yet a sovereign, with all of a sovereign's great and grave and far-reaching responsibilities. Whether the war is to her liking or not, the war is on. The empire, to an extent, is involved. Its prestige is in the balance. The Boers cannot triumph, but an anti-imperialist conduct herself in the war with them will gain or lose elsewhere. The whole world is looking on. Part of the world, at a display of weakness on England's part, would begin to pounce on. The queen, therefore, in justice to her people and to their institutions, must stand for a vigorous assertion of English power.

Will the Atkinsonians admit these things? Why should they? They are demanding that the President of the United States withdraw the American army and naval forces from the Philippines, which would destroy the prestige of this government among the nations of the world. Indifference to the future of America, why should they care about the future of England?

Tammany's National Entry.

For minority leader in the next National House of Representatives, William Sulzer of New York, Tammany Hall makes this nomination. The nomination is a reflection of the up-state democrats of New York to accept its leadership. And why not? It has long been a national question. It elected Mr. Cleveland President of the United States in 1884. While New York was a pivotal state in national contests it supplied the great bulk of the vote which gave the hope of democratic success. It is the main reliance now in the effort to make New York again a pivotal state. So why should Tammany continue to sit so far below the salt? Where is McGreevey's proper place anyhow?

Tammany selects Mr. Sulzer. And it must be said that he is a thorough representative of the organization. He claims that for himself, and he is entitled to have his claim allowed. He is an outspoken believer in the Chicago platform. He is an ardent admirer of Mr. Bryan. He declares for both, right in the teeth of Wall Street. There must be something in this spirit. Let us call it a venture courage. To declare for free silver in the south or in the west is to invite the scorn of the majority. To declare for free silver in the south or in the west is to invite the scorn of the majority.

Mr. Thurston may be having some difficulty in deciding whether his success in poetry has made him famous as a senator or whether his success in the Senate has made him famous as a poet.

Moving on Urdaneta.

There is still a hope in the breasts of the army authorities that Aguinaldo has not in fact escaped to the northeastern part of Luzon, but is within the cordon drawn around his former capital. One report recently received is that he is thought to be near Urdaneta, which lies about ten miles south of the cordon line. The Major Logan was killed, and the cordon north of Tarlac. Gen. Otis in a late dispatch mentions that some of Gen. Lawton's forces were moving on Urdaneta from Hangan and Tayug, in response to a report that a large body of insurgents had been seen there.

It remains to be seen whether cross-examination will go as hard with Molnau as it has gone with some of the talesmen. The Ohio republicans will doubtless afford another proof of the proposition that nothing harmonizes like success. The Unreliable Leonids. There is undoubtedly deep disappointment among both the scientists and the unlearned people that the forecasted meteoric shower did not take place this year. The confident were the predictions, and so trustful are the people in general in the wisdom and presence of the astronomers, that the failure of the Leonids to make their appearance has been taken sorely to heart on all sides. There is some consolation for those who promised to place the Leonids in the hands of the astronomers, however. In the first place, the conditions were most unfavorable for a full enjoyment of a shower, had one occurred. The moon was just reaching the full and the nights of this week have been brilliant. Then again, clouds obscured the sky during several of the nights during which the shivering astronomers watched for the heavenly streaks. It is questionable whether the Leonids could have been seen had they struck the earth's atmosphere. Additional comfort, and more substantial, is had in the belief which pervades some

in direct communication with Manila by means of the field telegraph.

The movement of the Leonids may bring important information. The country is badly flooded as a result of extraordinary rains. It is a comparatively flat region, lying between the River Agno and a group of smaller streams flowing into the Gulf of Lingayen. In one of the dispatches it is reported that the Leonids have been seen in the mountains of the Philippines. The Leonids are one vast lake. Gen. MacArthur is pressing northward along the line of the railroad, which the insurgents disabled somewhat. The latest advance was to have been to Gerona, about nine miles north of Tarlac. This town occupied, there remains a gap of about thirty miles to San Jacinto not covered as far as known, by American troops. It is perhaps now the purpose of the commanders in the field to close this gap to surround whatever portion of the insurgent army may remain east of the railroad and west of Lawton's line. The repairs to the railroad are accompanied by many difficulties, owing especially to the prevalence of the rains and the necessity of large portions of the land. This burst of bad weather, however, is thought to be a sign of the close of the wet season, which ends about this time. With the country comparatively dry, the armies can make once more the rate of progress which is said to have recently nonplussed the insurgent leader and caused his precipitate flight from the rebel capital for "sanitary reasons."

The Pennsylvania Track Elevation.

The gratifying information comes from Philadelphia that President Cassatt and other high officials of the Pennsylvania railroad have just returned to that city from an extended inspection tour over some of the company's southern properties, including, of course, the Washington terminal. They announce, among other improvements which have been decided upon in order to bring the road's various branches up to date, that the grade crossings in this city are to be abolished as soon as Congress shall enact the necessary legislation. This has been the general understanding here for some months, with the knowledge that the Commissioners have settled upon a plan for elevating the tracks which meets with the approval of the railroad company. It is further understood at this end that the matter will be given legislative form early in the forthcoming session, and that results are anticipated.

Nevertheless the announcement that President Cassatt has personally brought his attention to bear upon the Washington situation is reassuring. The grade crossings problem has been close to solution many times before, and a disappointment has always followed. So long has been the delay that every bit of evidence to show that the railroad company is indeed in earnest is eagerly sought. President Cassatt is newly at the head of the corporation. He is known to be a man of discernment and energy and to appreciate fully the need of a modern equipment for his road in every department. He understands the value of the Washington terminal and the prospect that its importance will greatly increase as the capital becomes a distributing center for this section of the country. Above all he is said to feel keenly the disproportion between the dignity of the city and the equipment of the railroad here. The fact that his interest in the matter has been directed toward the intimate details of the track elevation problem gives reasonable assurance of satisfactory results.

Heading for Enemy's Country Again.

Mr. Bryan is so much encouraged by his recent flattering success as a campaigner in Nebraska that he has announced his intention to set out forthwith upon a grand tour of the east, for a mid-winter course of "lectures" with a few incidental displays of the gentle art of organization. The silver champion says that the move is not necessarily in the nature of a presidential boom for himself, but is intended "to stir the latent spirit of the democrats" of this section of the country, particularly New England.

It would be interesting to ascertain what causes Mr. Bryan assigns for the prevalence of this acknowledged state of "latency" among the eastern democrats. The returns from the polls three years ago, and again in 1897 and 1898 and once more in 1899, revealed that condition beyond doubt. How does Mr. Bryan propose to "stir the latent spirit?" It is broadly believed that one of the prime causes of this latency among the eastern democrats is Mr. Bryan himself, together with the principles for which he stands. The average eastern democrat does not like the Chicago platform, nor does he care for the recent additions to that collection of doctrines. Every sign thus far revealed in the east is to the effect that anti-expansion is not a popular outcry. Nor is there sufficient eastern confidence in the sincerity of the force of the Bryanite demand for trusts to offset the eastern repugnance to free silver.

The capture of Mrs. Aguinaldo's wardrobe by Lieutenant Johnson of the 3d Cavalry at San Nicholas will doubtless evoke a chorus of protest from the members of the Aid Society. General Otis will probably be induced by them to conduct the campaign on humane lines. This is criminal aggression, indeed. Where are the liberties of men and women when such outrages are permitted? It was bad enough to deprive Aguinaldo of his printing press, but to intercept the court costumes of his spouse is intolerable.

There will be little room for resentment by society of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey's quiet wedding. When it comes to a question of society Mr. and Mrs. Dewey come pretty near being it.

Possibly Mr. Hanna regrets that his principal antagonist in Ohio has not transacted enough political business in recent years to permit the popular use of the word "McLeanism."

The number of young Italian noblemen who are going into the mercantile business makes it perhaps a little impolite to speak of the present demoralization of the stage. So long as Aguinaldo has plunged into the jungle there is no reason why Mr. Atkinson should not pack his dress suit case and go on a vacation.

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